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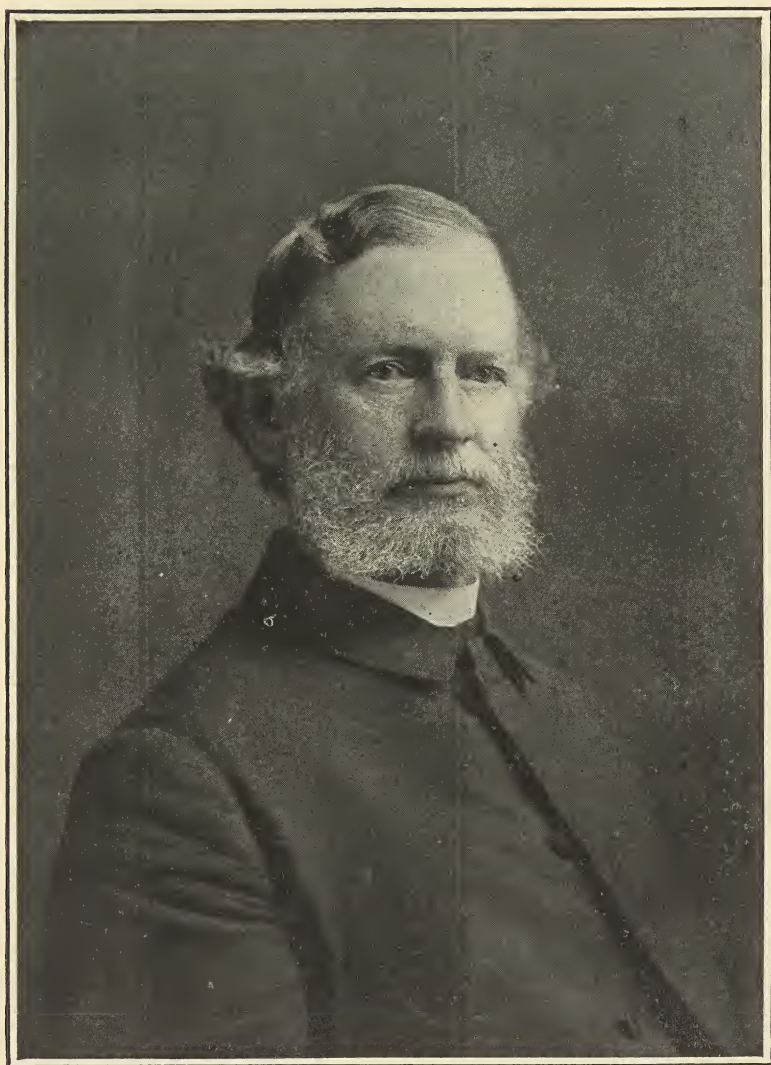
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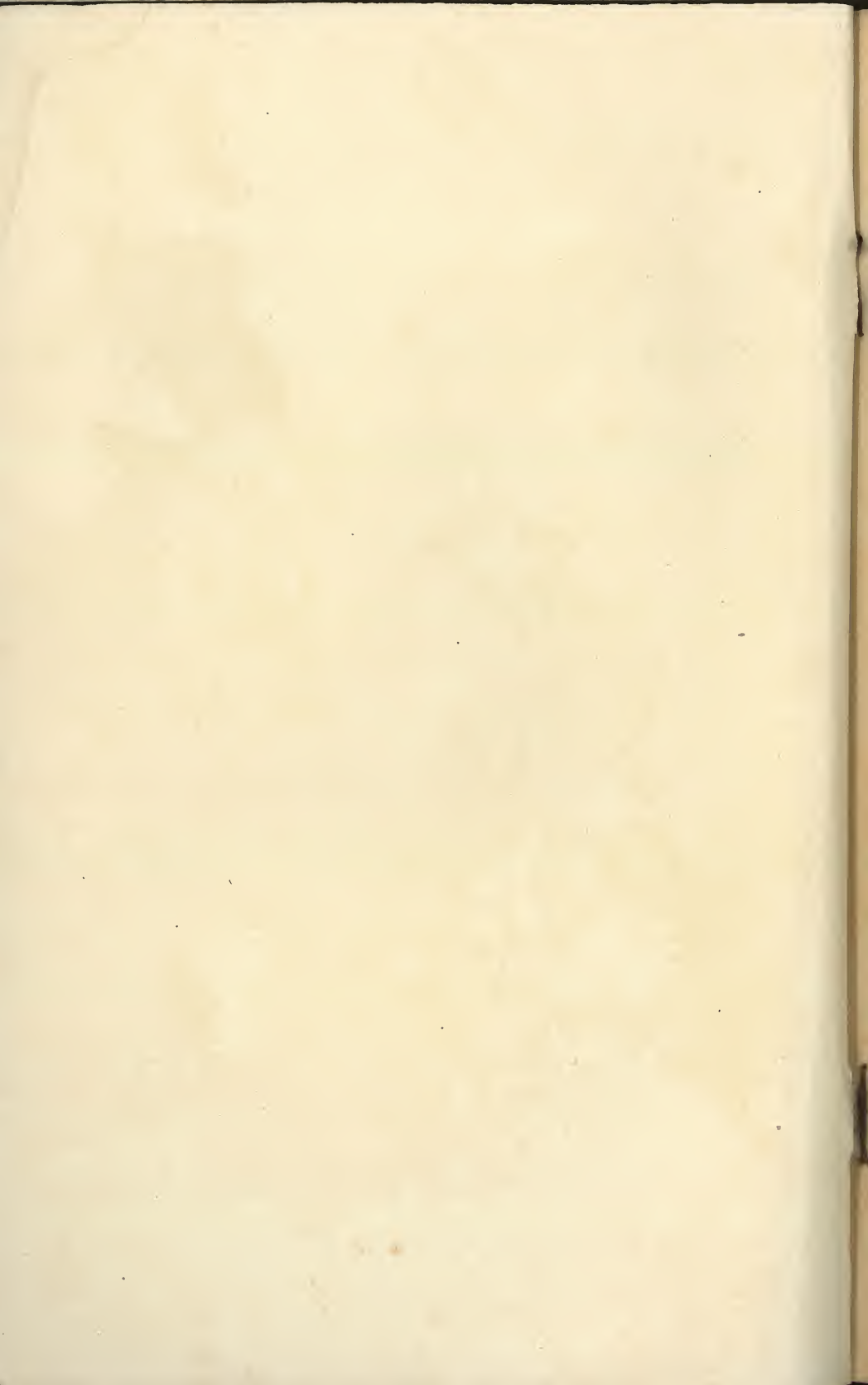
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Journal Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, December 16, 1909.

The Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its Seventh Annual Session Thursday, December 16, 1909, at 8:30 a. m., in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Thomas B. Neely, presiding. The devotional services were conducted by E. R. Houck, District Superintendent of the Marshall District. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was conducted by the Bishop.

Following the Sacrament, the Bishop requested the Roll Call and twenty-eight answered to their names. By motion of last Session the names of the deceased members of the Conference were called by the Secretary. The Conference stood while the names of the deceased brethren were called. A moment of silent prayer followed after which Bro. C. A. King led us in prayer while, with thankful hearts, we looked to God in gratitude for the memory of those of our number who have gone on before.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—W. C. Mann nominated J. R. Basket for Secretary and he was unanimously elected. The Secretary was permitted to nominate his Assistants and he nominated Willis H. Germany as First Assistant and Robert O. McClure as the Second Assistant, both of whom were confirmed. Robert L. Weldon was elected as Statistical Secretary and he nominated as his Assistant, James F. Ragsdale. The Conference confirmed the nomination.

Hy. H. McCain was elected as Treasurer and he nominated John A. Carruth as his Assistant. The Conference confirmed the nomination. N. L. Sayers was elected as R. R. Secretary and Russell T. Pynes was chosen as Conference Post Master.

BAR OF CONFERENCE—On motion of Hy. H. McCain, the Bar of the Conference was fixed as being the first four rows of pews.

On motion of Hy. H. McCain, all visiting brethren were invited to sit within the Bar of the Conference.

QUESTION TWENTY-FIVE—Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? was asked. Answered: None.

QUESTION FIFTEEN—Who have been transferred and to what Conference? was asked. Answered. James A. Christian to the Kansas Conference.

QUESTION SIXTEEN—Who have died? was asked. Answered: None.

QUESTION FOURTEEN—Was the character of each preacher examined? was asked. Answered. This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each preacher was called.

REPORTS—E. R. Houck, District Superintendent of Marshall District was called, character passed and he reported his District. (See Report.)

J. W. Hervey, District Superintendent of New Orleans District, was called, character passed and he reported the District. (See Report.)

W. C. Mann, District Superintendent of Shreveport District was called, character passed and he reported the District. (See Report.)

The following effective Elders were called, character passed and reported their work: Thomas E. Webb, Hy. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, James R. Basket, John A. Carruth, Louis May, N. L. Sayers.

It was noted that Sidney W. Edward was a Missionary to Porto Rico from the Gulf Conference.

MOTION—On motion Newsom T. Shows was discontinued.

NOMINATIONS—E. R. Houck made the following nominations for standing committees for 1910:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—D. H. Cassels, W. F. Bolton, F. M. Simpson.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS—J. A. Carruth, J. W. Faulk, J. A. Webb.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION—R. L. Weldon, J. F. Ragsdale, M. A. Farr.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—James R. Basket, W. H. Germany, L. E. Crooks.

EDUCATION—T. E. Webb, J. C. Duplantis, R. O. McClure.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY—C. A. King, N. L. Sayers, A. McDow.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—W. H. Germany, Louis May, William Hebert.

EPISCOPAL FUND—District Superintendents.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—Hy. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, R. L. Weldon.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS—R. O. McClure, R. T. Pynes, W. F. Bolton.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. W. Lagrone, and the District Superintendents.

RESOLUTIONS—J. C. Duplantis, T. F. Swanson, F. D. Van Valkenburg.

SABBATH OBSERVANCES—N. L. Sayers, D. H. Cassels, R. R. Smith.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—G. B. Hines, J. W. Lagrone, J. Woodson.

S. S. AND TRACTS—R. T. Pynes, Daniel Hayes, J. A. Webb.

TEMPERANCE—J. W. Lagrone, J. F. Ragsdale, R. L. Weldon.

COMMUNICATION—A communication from the Western Book Concern was read requesting the appointment of an agent to represent the Methodist Review. Bro. Louis May was appointed.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. J. D. Bateman of Kansas City, representing the Book Concern was introduced.

NOMINATIONS—E. R. Houck made the nominations for the Conference Boards. The Conference confirmed the nominations. (See Conference Boards.)

ADDRESS—A very timely address was given by the Bishop, setting forth the dignity of the Methodist Episcopal Church and her world-wide prevalence in fulfillment of the words: "The World is my Parish."

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. J. B. Hingely, Secretary of Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced. He gave an interesting address on the Conference Claimant Fund, and made the claim for our hearty support. He also suggested that we have the report of the District Superintendents published in our Journal.

EXTENSION OF TIME—A motion by G. B. Hines to extend the time prevailed. The Bishop announced that the Draft from the Chartered Fund was \$25.00 and that the Draft from the Book Concern was \$217.00. By motion these Drafts were made payable and turned over to the Chairman of the Conference Board of Stewards.

ADDRESS—Dr. Bateman addressed the Conference in behalf of the Methodist Book Concern.

MOTION—On motion of H. H. McCain and seconded by C. A. King, the reports of the District Superintendents be printed in the Journal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—The Bishop announced that he wanted to see the preachers of the Conference in the First Methodist Episcopal Church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

MOTION—Upon a suggestion of Dr. Hingely, a motion prevailed that the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards be authorized to receive the Fund from the General Conference Claimant Board and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay him the 5% of the Conference Collections for the Conference Claimants.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following Brethren were presented to the Conference: L. W. Archer, of the Des Moines Conference, D. B. Strouse, of the Holston Conference; E. A. Furgeson, of the Gulf Conference.

The Conference adjourned by singing the Doxology and Benediction by the Bishop.



SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING DECEMBER 17, 1909, 8:30.

The Conference met at the appointed time with Bishop Neely in the chair. Following the devotional services the president gave some valuable and useful suggestions relative to a strict observance of the order of worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The minutes of Thursday's session were read and adopted.

ROLL CALL—The Roll of absentees was called. James F. Ragsdale answered.

QUESTION FOUR—Who have been received on credentials and and from what church was asked. Answered. None.

COMMUNICATION—The Secretary read communications from the Episcopal Fund and the Book Concern. The President gave some fitting remarks on books.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—The Conference granted a leave of absence to Dr. C. A. King from the morning session.

NOMINATIONS—The following reporters for papers were nominated and the Conference Confirmed the nomination: G. B. Hines for the local paper, T. F. Swanson for the Houston Post, Louis May for Times-Democrat.

QUESTION TWO—What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? was asked. Answered. None.

MOTION—On motion of J. W. Hervey, Delos H. Cassels was continued in studies of the Fourth year.

QUESTION TEN—What members are in the studies of the Fourth year? was asked. Answered, Delos H. Cassels.

QUESTION NINE—What members are in the studies of the Third year? was asked. Answered. By motion of E. R. Houck, T. F. Swanson was continued in studies of the Third Year. By motion R. L. Weldon was advanced to the studies of the Fourth year.

QUESTION SIX—Who have been continued on Trial? was asked. Answered. The following names were called, Disciplinary question answered: (a) In studies of the First Year, Daniel Hayes, Sidney W. Edwards. (b) In studies of the Second Year, Robert O. McClure, J. C. Duplantis, Madison A. Farr, L. E. Crook, Francis M. Simpson, William F. Bolton, R. R. Smith.

MOTIONS—By motion R. O. McClure, J. C. Duplantis, Madison A. Farr, L. E. Crooks, F. M. Simpson, W. F. Bolton, R. R. Smith were advanced to studies of the Second Year.

By motion Alexander McDow was discontinued by his request.

By motion Guitano Vital was discontinued.

By motion Sidney W. Edwards and Daniel Hayes were continued in the studies of the First Year.

QUESTION TWELVE—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? was asked. Answered, (a) As local preachers, none. (b) Under the Missionary Rule, Henry A. Maples, Francis G. Watkins, Francisco Zito. (c) Under the Seminary Rule, none.

QUESTION THREE—Who have been re-admitted? was asked. Answered, None.

QUESTION ONE—Is this Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the discipline? was asked. Answered, in the affirmative by C. A. King, and he is the custodian of the Charter.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE—Who are the Supernumerary preachers? was asked. Answered, C. A. King, N. H. Oliver.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR—Who are the Superannuated preachers? was asked. Answered, Julian Woodson, Thomas Wilson, F. D. VanValkenburg.

QUESTION SEVENTEEN—Who have been located at their own request? was asked. Answered, none.

QUESTION EIGHTEEN—Who have been located? was asked. Answered, none.

QUESTION NINETEEN—Who have withdrawn? was asked. Answered, none.

QUESTION TWENTY—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? was asked. Answered, none.

QUESTION TWENTY-ONE—Who have been expelled? was asked. Answered, none.

MOTION—Moved by the Secretary that the printed minutes be made the official record of this Conference. Motion prevailed.

QUESTION FIVE—Who have been received on trial? was asked. Answered, (a) In studies of the First year, Henry A. Maples, Francis G. Watkins, Francisco Zito.

MOTIONS—Moved by W. C. Mann that Henry A. Maples be admitted on trial. Motion carried.

Moved by J. W. Hervey that Francisco Zito be admitted on trial, conditioned on studies. Motion prevailed.

Moved by J. W. Hervey that Francis G. Watkins be admitted on trial and placed in studies of the First year. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following were introduced to the Conference: Prof. L. A. Willsey, of Ft. Worth University, Rev. Glenn Flinn, representing the American Bible Society, Rev. J. E. Garr and Rev. A. J. Vallery, Fraternal delegates from the Methodist Protestant Church of Louisiana.

ADDRESS—Prof. Willsey addressed the Conference in the interest of Ft. Worth University.

The Rev. Glenn Flinn addressed the Conference in the interest of the American Bible Society.

QUESTION THIRTY-TWO—Where shall the next Conference be held? was asked. The following brethren put in nominations and represented their charge: James F. Ragsdale, Ebenezer; R. L. Weldon, Marshall; J. A. Carruth, Welsh; J. R. Basket, Jennings; Louis May, Crowley. Crowley was made the unanimous choice.

EXTENSION OF TIME—G. B. Hines moved that the time be extended. Carried.

ADDRESSES—Bros. J. E. Garr and A. J. Vallery brought words of greeting and good cheer from the Methodist Protestant Church of Louisiana. Bishop Neely replied to these splendid addresses in a most happy manner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—The pastor announced an address on Missions by Bishop Neely at the evening service. Pentecostal Service at 3:00 p. m. by D. B. Strouse.

Conference adjourned by Doxology and Benediction by Bishop.



THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, December 18, 1909, 8.30.

The Third day's session of the Conference came to order at the appointed time. Bishop Neely in the chair.

Following the devotional services the President continued the study in the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church, this time giving special emphasis to the form and order of worship.

Minutes of Friday's session were read and after correction were adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT—The President announced that the Draft from the Home Mission and Church Extension Board was \$1300. The Conference made it payable to Dr. C. A. King.

QUESTION EIGHT—Who have been admitted into full membership? was asked. Answered, R. T. Pynes, J. A. Webb, J. W. Faulk, W. H. Germany.

ADDRESS—The Bishop delivered a most forceful address to the class on admission into Full Connection.

MOTIONS—Moved by E. R. Houck that R. T. Pynes, J. A. Webb, W. H. Germany be admitted into full membership and advanced to the studies of the Third year. Motion prevailed.

It was moved by W. C. Mann that J. W. Faulk be admitted into full membership and be advanced to the studies of the Third year.

It was moved by W. C. Mann that C. L. Elliott and G. L. Harper be continued in studies of the Second year.

Moved by C. A. King that J. D. Pointer be discontinued and that the Secretary be instructed to notify Brother Pointer and his District Superintendent. Motion prevailed.

Moved by James R. Basket that the case of B. F. Deaton be continued with the old committee, C. A. King, J. W. Lively, E. R. Houck with the addition of Hy. H. McCain. Motion prevailed.

REPORTS—The following chairmen of their respective committees read their reports and they were adopted:

Sabbath Observances, N. L. Sayers; Education, T. E. Webb; Freedman's Aid, C. A. King; Epworth League, W. H. Germany; Auditing Accounts, R. O. McClure; American Bible Society, W. F. Bolton; Temperance, J. W. Lagrone; Foreign Missions, J. R. Basket; State of Church, J. W. Lagrone.

EXTENSION OF TIME—By motion the time was extended; G. B. Hines so moved. By consent of the Conference the President ordered an Afternoon Session to meet at 4:00 o'clock.

DISCUSSION—Quite an interesting discussion was indulged in concerning the past history of the Gulf Conference.

MOTION—J. W. Hervey, at the suggestion of the Bishop, moved that Dr. C. A. King be made Conference Historian. Motion prevailed. W. C. Mann made a motion that a Historical Society of the Gulf Conference be organized. Motion prevailed. The following members were elected as members of this society: C. A. King, chairman, G. B. Hines, James Ellis, W. C. Mann, W. E. Cline and J. W. Lively.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following persons were introduced to the Conference: H. M. Polsgrove, pastor of the local Christian Church; C. H. Willis, pastor of the local M. E. Church, South; J. W. Porter, pastor of the local Episcopal Church; J. E. L. Moore, President Castlewood College; James Ellis; W. C. Clark; Mrs. Ella

Knostman, representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society; Miss Eliza Page, City Missionary of New Orleans; J. F. Ensign, of Indiana; Mrs. Mable Kelley, Conference President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT—It was announced that the Committee on Education would meet the Board of Trade to formulate some plan of action toward the offer of Jno. W. Gates.

Session adjourned by singing Doxology. Benediction by Julian Woodson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

December 18, 1909, 4 o'clock.

The Afternoon Session came to order by the call of the gavel. The Secretary read the minutes of the morning session and they were adopted.

MOTION—On motion of W. C. Mann, Henry A. Maples was elected to Deacon's Orders, under the Missionary Rule. Motion prevailed. Moved by J. W. Hervey that Francis G. Watkins and Francisco Zito be elected to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule. Motion prevailed.

TRANSFERS—It was noted by the Conference that Charles W. Hunter was transferred to the Holston Conference.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST—On motion of J. W. Hervey, Wm. R. Chase was made Conference Evangelist.

MOTION—On motion of J. W. Hervey, the President was requested to appoint W. E. Harrison as teacher in Meridian Male College. Motion prevailed.

RECOMMENDATION—It was recommended by W. C. Mann that C. L. Elliott be left without an appointment to attend one of our schools. The Conference concurred in the recommendation.

REPORT—C. A. King, Treasurer of Board of Stewards, made his report. Report was adopted. (See Report.)

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS, (Legal Board)—The following were nominated with the officers and the Conference con-

firmed the nominations: C. A. King, President, pastor of Lake Charles, H. E. Buck, W. E. Cline, W. P. Dunn, G. R. Woolman
Officers: C. A. King, Lake Charles, Treasurer and President.
Secretary, Pastor of Lake Charles.

ADDRESS—The President gave an address noting the expansion of our work. He also gave out the fact that there would be a new arrangement and naming of the Districts so that anyone might be able to get some idea of the magnitude of our work by the names of the districts.

REPORT—E. R. Houck read the Missionary apportionments for 1910. (See Report)

MOTION—E. R. Houck moved that the collection for local educational purposes be turned over to Ft. Worth University. This caused quite an interesting discussion. The motion, however, prevailed.

TRIERS OF APPEALS—J. W. Hervey nominated the following as Triers of Appeals: C. A. King, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, E. R. Houck.

REPORT—H. H. McCain read the report of Treasurer. Report was adopted. (See Report.)

BOARD OF EXAMINERS—The President appointed James F. Ragsdale on the Board of Examiners to take the place of J. A. Christian.

REPORT—J. C. Duplantis read the report of Committee on Resolutions. Report was adopted. (See Report)

J. A. Carruth read the report of Committee on Book Concern and Periodicals.

RESOLUTIONS—A resolution which took the form of a motion was made by James R. Basket, that each preacher take the first \$5.00 tithe money and send to the Treasurer of Board of Stewards for the purpose of increasing the permanent fund. Motion prevailed.

MOTION—On motion of Louis May, H. H. McCain and James R. Basket were elected as Fraternal delegates to the next session of the Protestant Methodist Church of Louisiana which meets in 1910. Motion prevailed.

APPOINTMENTS—The Bishop appointed T. E. Webb to preach the Missionary sermon and J. C. Duplantis as alternate.

REPORTS—The following reports were read by the chairman: Home Mission and Church Extension, H. H. McCain; Sunday Schools, R. T. Pynes.

MOTIONS—It was moved by James R. Basket that the remaining reports be adopted without reading and submitted to the Secretary and published in the Journal.

MOVED—By James R. Basket that each preacher pay at least one dollar toward the Advocate Journal Fund and that he raise an equal amount from each charge. Motion prevailed.

ADJOURNED—Conference adjourned subject to the orders of the Bishop.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

Conference met at the appointed time the President in the chair. Dr. Bateman led the opening prayer. The report of the Statistical Secretary was read.

MOTIONS—On a prevailing motion made by Hy. H. McCain the Conference accepted the report of the Statistical Secretary conditioned that the Secretary be allowed to make any corrections needed.

Moved by G. B. Hines that the fractional cents from the Treasurer's account be applied to the Super-annuated Fund.

REPORT—The committee on Conference Relation recommended in their report that E. A. Furgeson be admitted on trial and be placed in the studies of the First Year. Motion prevailed.

In the case of B. F. Deaton, the committee reported and recommended that the District Superintendent of the Southern District request of Brother Deaton that he surrender his credentials, and in case of his refusal, that the District Superintendent proceed and bring Brother Deaton to trial. C. A. King moved that the report be adopted. Motion prevailed.

On motion of E. R. Houck all Boards were continued as the same for the next year.

J. W. Hervey made the motion that Bishop Neely be requested to prepare a brief history of the Methodist Episcopal Church covering especially that part which embraces the separation of 1844.

Moved by James R. Basket that the magnificent offer of the Hon. John W. Gates be unanimously accepted and that the committee previously appointed be authorized to formulate further plan for work. Motion prevailed.

Moved by G. B. Hines that the minutes by common consent be approved without reading. Motion carried.

It was moved that we adjourn sine die after the reading of the appointments. Motion carried. Conference adjourned by Benediction by the Bishop.

[SIGNED]

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THOMAS B. NEELY, Presiding Bishop.

JAMES R. BASKET, Secretary.



Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION ONE—Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the discipline? Yes.

QUESTION TWO—Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences? None.

QUESTION THREE—Who have been re-admitted? None.

QUESTION FOUR—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches? None.

QUESTION FIVE—Who have been received on trial?

(a) In studies of the First Year, Henry A. Maples, Francis G. Watkins, Francisco Zito, Edward A. Furgeson.

QUESTION SIX—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of First Year? Daniel Hayes, Sidney W. Edwards.

(b) In studies of the Second Year, Madison A. Farr, C. L. Elliot, G. L. Harper, F. M. Simpson, Robert O. McClure, J. C. Duplantis, L. E. Crooks, W. F. Bolton, R. R. Smith, J. W. Lagrone.

(c) In studies of the Third Year? T. F. Swanson.

(d) In studies of Fourth Year? Delos H. Cassels.

QUESTION SEVEN—Who have been discontinued? Newsom T. Shows, Alexander McDow, Guitano Vital, James D. Pointer.

QUESTION EIGHT—Who have been admitted into full membership?

(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year, none.

(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously, Russel T. Pynes, Willis H. Germany, Joseph A. Webb, John W. Faulk.

QUESTION NINE—What members are in the studies of the Third Year.

(a) Admitted into full membership this year, R. T. Pynes, W. H. Germany, J. A. Webb, J. W. Faulk.

(b) Admitted into full membership previously, none.

QUESTION TEN—What members are in the studies of Fourth Year? R. L. Weldon.

QUESTION ELEVEN—What members have completed the Conference Course of study? None.

QUESTION TWELVE—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) As local preachers, none.

(b) Under Missionary Rule, H. A. Maples, F. G. Watkins, Francisco Zito.

QUESTION THIRTEEN—Who have been elected and ordained Elders? None.

QUESTION FOURTEEN—Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each preacher was called.

QUESTION FIFTEEN—Who have been transferred and to what Conferences? J. A. Christian to Kansas Conference; C. W. Ports to North Andes Mission Conference; C. F. Hunter, Holston Conference.

QUESTION SIXTEEN—Who have died? None.

QUESTION SEVENTEEN—Who have been located at their own request? None.

QUESTION EIGHTEEN—Who have located? None.

QUESTION NINETEEN—Who have withdrawn? None.

QUESTION TWENTY—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

QUESTION TWENTY-ONE—Who have been expelled? None.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO—What other personal notation should be made? B. F. Deaton's case was referred to the District Superintendent of the Southern District with instructions that he request his credentials and withdrawal from the ministry, and in case he refuses to do this, the District Superintendent is to proceed to bring him to trial.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? C. A. King, N. H. Oliver, B. F. Deaton.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR—Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Julian Woodson, F. D. VanValkenburg, Thomas Wilson.

QUESTION TWENTY-FIVE—Who are the Triers of Appeals? C. A. King, Hy. H. McCain, E. R. Houck, G. B. Hines.

QUESTION TWENTY-SIX—What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Report for the year.

QUESTION TWENTY-SEVEN—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$3331.00.

QUESTION TWENTY-EIGHT—What are the claims on the Conference Fund? \$500.00

QUESTION TWENTY-NINE—What have been received on these claims and how have they been applied? \$402.00. It was applied according to the order of the Annual Conference. See report of Treasurer of Board of Stewards.

QUESTION THIRTY—What is the amount of the 5% of collection for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? \$7.00.

QUESTION THIRTY-ONE—Where are the Preachers stationed? See Appointments.

QUESTION THIRTY-TWO—Where shall the next Conference be held? Crowley, Louisiana.

J. W. HERVEY, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.
 P. O. HUGHES SPRINGS, TEXAS.

Angelina	Supplied by J. B. Kenna
Atlanta and Jefferson	Russel T. Pynes
Beckville	Francis M. Simpson
Hughes Springs	Supplied by B. T. Bell
Longstreet	Supplied by Charles Lagrone
Marshall	Robert L. Weldon
Noonday and Coffeerville	Willis H. Germany
Overton	Supplied by R. T. Pynes
Polk	Supplied by Beedle
Shelbyville	R. R. Smith
Winnsboro	To be Supplied
Woodville	J. A. Webb

G. B. HINES, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.
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Auburn and Smithdale	To be Supplied
Gloster	To be Supplied
Gloster Circuit	To be Supplied
Hammond	Delos H. Cassels
Lutcher	Joseph C. Duplantis
Meridian	G. L. Harper
New Orleans, French Mission	J. C. Duplantis
New Orleans, First Italian Church	Francisco Zito
New Orleans, Second Italian Church	To be Supplied
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave	G. B. Hines

Alexandria	To be Supplied
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Creston	L. E. Crooks
DeRidder	W. E. Bennett
DeQuincy	H. A. Maples
Hudson	Quinn L. Bennett
Dry Prong	George W. Bolton
Livonia	John W. Faulk
Magda	To be Supplied
Marthaville	M. A. Farr
Orange	W. F. Bolton
Provincial	To be Supplied
Ravanna	A. McDow, P. O. Vivian, La.
Shreveport	E. A. Furgeson
Vivian	T. F. Swanson
Winnfield	J. W. Lively

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La Porte, Texas	J. F. Ensign
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Port Arthur, Texas	J. W. Lagrone
Raymond and China	B. F. Denton
Texas City, Texas	T. E. Webb
Vermilion French Mission	To be Supplied
Welsh, La	J. A. Carruth

Special Appointments

Wm. R. Chase, Conference Evangelist, member of St. Charles Ave. Quarterly Conference. P. O. 1415 Fair Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Sidney W. Edwards, Missionary to Porto Rico, P. O., Jayuya Porto Rico.

W. E. Harrison, Professor of Meridian Male College. Member of Gloster Quarterly Conference.

Cuthbert L. Elliot. Left without an appointment to attend one of our schools. Member of Vivian Quarterly Conference.



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American Bible Society

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Freedman's Aid Society

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W. H. Germany, Louis May, Wm. Hebert.

Foreign Missions.

J. R. Basket, R. O. McClure and W. H. Germany.

Episcopal Fund

District Superintendents.

Conference Relations

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Auditing Accounts

R. O. McClure, R. T. Pynes, W. F. Bolton.

Public Worship

J. W. Lagrone, District Superintendents.

Resolutions

J. C. Duplantis, T. F. Swanson, F. D. VanValkenburg.

Sabbath Observances

N. L. Sayers, D. H. Cassels, R. R. Smith.

State of Church

G. B. Hines, J. W. Lagrone, J. Woodson.

Sunday School and Tracts

R. T. Pynes, Dan Hayes, J. A. Webb.

Temperance

J. W. Lagrone, J. F. Ragsdale, R. L. Weldon.



Chronological Roll



NOTE:—Figures on left indicate the year of admission into Traveling Connection. The figure on right denotes the number of years the pastor has served the charge.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Nativity</i>	<i>Address</i>
1902 -	Basket, James R.....	Tennessee.....	Jennings, La.
1904 -	Carruth, J. A.....	Mississippi.....	Welsh, La.
1888 -	Chase, Wm. R.....	Ohio.....	1415 Fair Ave, Columbus, Ohio.
	Crawford, R. L.....	Louisiana.....	
1879 -	Deaton, B. F.....	Tennessee.....	Cypress, Inn, Tenn.
1907 -	Germany, W. H.....	Mississippi.....	Hallville, Texas.
1907 -	Faulk, J. W.....	Louisiana.....	Lottie, La.
1902 -	Harrison, W. E.....	Louisiana.....	Meridian, Miss
1903 -	Hervey, J. W.....	Texas.....	Hughes Springs, Tex.
1900 -	Hines, G. B.....	Texas.....	1537 Calliope St., New Orleans
1897 -	Houck, E. R.....	Illinois.....	Jennings, La.
1859 -	King, C. A.....	Maine.....	Lake Charles, La.
1898 -	Lively, J. W.....	Arkansas.....	Marshall, Texas
1902 -	Mann, W. C.....	Texas.....	Shreveport, La.
1903 -	May, Louis.....	Louisiana.....	Crowley, La.
1900 -	McCain, Hy. H.....	Louisiana.....	Lake Charles, La.
1891 -	Oliver, N. H.....	Pennsylvania.....	Lingleaf, La.
1907 -	Pynes, R. T.....	Alabama.....	Jefferson, La.
1903 -	Ragsdale, J. F.....	Texas.....	Ebenezer, La.
1898 -	Sayers, N. L.....	Pennsylvania.....	Plaquemine, La.
1870 -	VanValkenburg, F. D	New York.....	New Orleans, La.
1907 -	Webb, J. A.....	Tennessee.....	Woodville, Texas
1904 -	Webb, T. E.....	Tennessee.....	Texas City, Texas
1905 -	Weldon, R. L.....	Louisiana.....	Marshall, Texas
1871 -	Wilson, Thomas.....	Ireland.....	Sabine Pass, Texas
1884 -	Woodson, Julian.....	Tennessee.....	Jefferson, Texas

Probationers



FOURTH YEAR

1907	-	Cassels, Delos, H.....	Mississippi.....Gloster, Miss.
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THIRD YEAR

1905	-	Swanson, Thomas F...	Texas.....Vivian, La.
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SECOND YEAR

1908	-	Bolton, W. F.....	Louisiana.....Leesville, La.
1908	-	Crooks, L. E.....	Goldonna, La.
1908	-	Duplantis, J. C.....	Louisiana.....	.....Lutcher, La.
1907	-	Elliot, C. L.....	Ireland.....	.....Chattanooga, Tenn.
1908	-	Farr, M. A.....	Arkansas.....	.....Marthaville, La.
1907	-	Harper, G. L.....	Mississippi.....	.....Minden, La.
1908	-	Lagrone, J. W.....	Texas.....	.....Port Arthur, Texas.
1908	-	McClure R. O.....	Kentucky.....	.....Iowa, La.
1908	-	Smith, R. R.....	Texas.....	.....Shelbyville, Texas.
1908	-	Simpson, F. M.....	Mississippi.....	.....Beckville, Texas.

FIRST YEAR

1908	-	Edwards, S. W.....	Mississippi.....	.....Jayuya, Porto Rico
1909	-	Furgeson, E, A.....		.....Shreveport, La.
1908	-	Hayes, Dan.....	Louisiana.....	.....Elton, La.
1909	-	Maples, H. A.....		.....DeQuincy, La.
1909	-	Watkins, Francis G...	England.....	.....Kinder, La.
1909	-	Zito, Francisco.....	Italy.....	.....New Orleans, La.

Conference Chronology

GULF MISSION

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1893	Jan. 19	Jennings, La.	E. G. Andrews	C. K. Woodson
1894	Jan. 25	Lake Charles, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1895	Jan. 24	Crowley, La.	Thos. Bowman	C. K. Woodson
1896	Jan. 23	Jennings, La.	Jas. N. FitzGerald	C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE

1897	Jan. 21	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1898	Feb. 3	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde	C. K. Woodson
1899	Feb. 2	Lake Charles, La.	S. M. Merrill	C. K. Woodson
1900	Feb. 1	Marshall, Texas	I. W. Joyce	L. W. Elkins
1901	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.	H. W. Harrison	C. W. Campbell
1902	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La.	C. D. Foss	C. W. Campbell
1903	Feb. 3	Port Arthur, Texas	W. F. Mallalieu	C. C. Morris

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1904	Feb. 4	Hughes Springs, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu	John Paul
1905	Feb. 2	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer	F. F. Fitch
1905	Dec. 1	Welsh, La.	L. B. Wilson	W. E. Harrison
1906	Nov. 15	Marshall, Texas	L. B. Wilson	J. R. Basket
1907	Dec. 19	Jennings, La.	William Burt	J. R. Basket
1908	Dec. 17	Lake Charles, La.	Wm. A. Quayle	J. R. Basket
1909	Dec. 16	Port Arthur, Tex.	T. B. Neely	J. R. Basket

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NAME	BORN	ENTERED MINISTRY		Consecrated Bishop	RESIDENCE
		CONFERENCE	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman	July 15 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Henry W. Warren	Jan. 4 1831	New England	1855	1880	University Park, Colo.
John M. Walden	Feb. 11 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, Ohio
Willard F. Mallalieu	Dec. 11 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
John H. Vincent	Feb. 23 1832	New Jersey	1852	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
James M. Thoburn	Mar. 7 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	New York, N. Y.
Earl Cranston	June 27 1840	Ohio	1860	1900	Washington, D. C.
Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira I.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4 1837	Ohio	1867	1896	Cincinnati, Ohio
Frank M. Warne	Dec. 31 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India
John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18 1848	Pittsburg	1856	1900	Boston, Mass.
Joseph F. Berry	May 13 1850	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer	Nov. 25 1847	Newark	1870	1904	St. Louis, Mo.
William McDowell	Feb. 4 1850	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Illinois
James W. Bashford	May 25 1849	New England	1883	1904	Shanghai, China
William Burt	Oct. 22 1852	East New York	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerland
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	New Orleans, La.
Isaiah B. Scott	Sept. 30 1854	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia
William F. Oldham	Dec. 15 1850	Michigan	1883	1904	Singapore, Straits S.
John E. Robinson	1849	South India	1874	1904	Bombay, India
Merriam C. Harris	July 9 1846	Japan	1873	1904	Seoul, Corea
William F. Anderson	Apr. 26 1860	New York	1887	1908	Chattanooga, Tenn.
John L. Nuelson	Jan. 19 1867	West Germany	1888	1908	Omaha, Nebraska
Wilson S. Lewis	July 17 1857	Upper Iowa	1884	1908	Fochoow, China
Edwin H. Hughes	Dec. 7 1865	Iowa	1886	1908	San Francisco, Calif.
Robert McIntyre	Nov. 20 1851	Illinois	1878	1908	St. Paul, Minnesota
William A. Quayle	June 26 1861	Kansas	1886	1908	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Charles W. Smith	1840	Pittsburg	1859	1908	Portland, Oregon
Frank M. Bristol	Jan. 4 1851			1908	Buenos Ayres, S. A.

Local Preachers.

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

NAMES	POSTOFFICE.
Black, J. M	Hallville, Texas.
Calloway, B. C	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Campbell, J. T	Hortense, Texas.
Denning, J. F	Troupe, Texas.
Ellington, J. J	Shelbyville, Texas.
Hughes, H. R. (L. D.)	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Langley, D. L	Beckville, Texas.
LaGrone, Charles	Deadwood, Texas
Mathews, Sam H	Neuville, Texas.
Petty, Sam F.	Harleton, Texas.
Woodall, W. B	Longview, Texas. R. F. D. No. 9

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

Bruce, G. W., (L. D.)	Provincial, La.
Bennett, J. H	Boylin, La.
Fincher, W. F	Creston, La.
Harper, A Lee	Meridian, Miss.
Kane, J. F	Ravanna, Ark.
Maturne, J. A.	Rosedale, La.
Nelson, S. B.	Shamrock, La.
Richardson, W. B.	Colfax, La.
Smith, T. H.	Longville, La.
Wood, E. G	Marthaville, La.
Wyne, A. M	Noble, La.
Young, T. J	DeRidder, La.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Beasley, C. C	Fernwood, Miss.
Carruth, S. E.	Auburn, Miss.

Carruth, Dr. H. L.	Auburn, Miss.
Cutlip, J. E.	New Orleans, La.
Copeland, H. E.	Auburn, Miss.
Harrison, J. C.	Meridian, Miss.
Kenna, J. M.	Auburn, Miss.
Kenna, J. B.	Auburn, Miss.
Lewis, J. E.	New Orleans, La.
Magee, F. B.	Centerville, Miss.
Gordon, W. A.	Smithdale, Miss.
Magee, Flowers	Smithdale, Miss.
Orcutt, J. C.	New Orleans, La.
Palmisano, A	New Orleans, La.
Rose, S. E	Meridian, Miss.
Roberts, William	Summit, Miss.
Taylor, R. S	Gloster, Miss.
Thompson, Barney	Meridian, Miss.
Wilkinson, C. V	Gloster, Miss.
Wood, H. A	Gloster, Miss.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Bemont, W. R	Kinder, La.
Bowman, J. J	Oakdale, La.
Cook, John	Evangeline, La.
Denton, F. W	Elton, La.
DeLord, Orcar	Plaquemine, La.
DeWitt, G. E	Elton, La.
Ellis, James, (L D)	Jennings, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Faulk, Houghten	Meridian, Miss.
Hardin, E. N	Iowa, La.
Hebert, W. M	Bell City, La.
Hebert, Phelix	Evangeline, La.
Gillman, John	Jennings, La.
Hoag, M. A	Jennings, La.
Hoffpaur, E. N	Crowley, La.
Nutt, J. M	Jennings, La.

Petersime, D. F	Welsh, La.
Piper, H. H	Gueydan, La.
Roberts, Marshall	Lake Charles, La.
Savoie, E. L	Evangeline, La.
Walker, R. M (L D)	Bell City, La.
Williams, Weaver	Elton, La.



Sunday School Superintendents.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

NAMES	POST OFFICE
Andrews, J. L	Lottie, La.
Berry, Jessie	Wasey, La.
Davis, Miss Pet	Oil City, La.
Fincher, W. F	Creston, La.
Gray, J. J	Smithland, Texas.
Hatcher, W. R	Goldonna, La.
Lowery, R. C	Goldonna, La.
Mobley, S J	Orange, La.
McWilliams, Jessie	DeRidder, La.
Pierce, G. R	Marthaville, La.
Roberts, W. A	Leesville, La.
Richardson, W. B	Colfax, La.
Smith, J. W	DeQuincy, La.
Weldon, D. R	Shamrock, La.
Williams, Prof	Marthaville, La.
Weldon, A. J	Weavers, La.
Waters, J. D	Neeme, La.

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Burnham, W. T	Lufkin, Texas.
Collins, R. B	Hughes Springs, Texas.

Crump, W. S	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Dickard, F. E	Hallville, Texas.
Ellington, W. D	Shelbyville, Texas.
Field, W. C	Campti, Texas
Findly, A. T	Daingerfield, Texas.
Ford, J. D	Lufkin, Texas.
Free, Mrs. Maggie	Beckville, Texas.
Hudspeth, B. A	Diana, Texas.
Hughes, Mrs. A. B	Atlanta, Texas.
Hooton, W. M	Hughes Spring, Texas.
Hussey, J. G	Daingerfield, Texas.
Jones, W. M	Ashland, Texas.
Lagrone, W. T	Deadwood, Texas.
Longshore, W. T	Beckville, Texas.
Lout, R. B	Halbert, Texas.
Marsh, Frank	Marshall, Texas.
Oney, Wm	Harleton, Texas.
Richie, J. A	Coffeyville, Texas.
Rice, C. N	Leggett, Texas.
Sherrer, Mr	Atlanta, Texas.
Shine, Dr. U. H	Hortense, Texas.
Still, R. G	Overton, Texas.
Woodson, Rev. J	Jefferson, Texas.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Burchfield, Mrs. L. A	Texas City, Texas.
Cronk, A. J	Gueydan, La.
Cline, W. E	Lake Charles, La.
Delord, Oscar	Plaquemine, La.
Dulron, Augustine	Crowley, La.
Hardin, E. N	Iowa, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Hoffpauir, D	Bell City, Iowa.
Hovey, L. G	La Porte, Texas.
May, Louis	Crowley, La.
Jaenke, F. R	Jennings, La.

Ritter, Jake	Jennings, La.
Palmer, C. V.	Port Arthur, Texas.
Theriot, Miss Sadie	Bayou Chene, La.
Willard, E. C.	Welsh, La.
Savoie, E. L.	Evangeline, La.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Atkinson, Bert	Lutcher, La.
Carruth, Dr. Henry	New Orleans, La.
Cassels, J. F.	Gloster, Miss.
Gerald, E. W.	Smithdale, Miss.
Graham, A. A.	Hammond, La.
Kenna, J. M.	Auburn, Miss.
Williams, R. S.	Johnson's Station, Miss.
Palmisano, A.	New Orleans, La.



OUR DEAD.

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“These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

WALTER ZIMMERMAN,
IRA N. PARDEE,
P. C. CHANEY,
JOHN T. JAMES.

Conference Program.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- 7:30 p. m. Song Service.
- 8:00 p. m. Sermon by D. B. Strouse.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- 8:30 a. m.—4:00 p. m. Examinations.
- 7:30 p. m. Reception. Five Minute Addresses of Welcome.
 - In Behalf of the City, Mayor P. C. Pfeiffer.
 - In Behalf of the Business Men, John W. Gates.
 - In Behalf of Sister Churches, Rev. H. M. Polsgrove.
 - In Behalf of the Laymen, C. V. Palmer.
 - Response, Bishop Thomas B. Neely.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- 8:30 a. m. Devotion, E. R. Houck.
- 8:45 a. m. Address by Bishop Neely.
- 9:00 a. m. Organization and Business.
- 11:00 a. m. Sacramental Service.
- 3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Service, D. B. Strouse.
- 7:30 p. m. Conference Claimants. Address by Secretary, J. B. Hingely.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER, 17.

- 8:30 a. m. Devotions, G. B. Hines.
- 8:45 a. m. Address, Bishop Neely.
- 9:00 a. m. Business Session.
- 9:30 a. m. Session of Laymen's Association at First Baptist Church.
- 11:30 a. m. Adjournment.
- 3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Services, D. B. Strouse.
- 7:30 p. m. Anniversary Board of Foreign Missions; Address, Bishop T. B. Neely.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Services.
- 8:45 a. m. Address—Bishop Neely.
- 9:00 a. m. Business Session.
- 11:00 a. m. Adjournment.
- 3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Services, D. B. Strouse.
- 7:30 p. m. Anniversary of W. H. M. Society, Mrs. Mable Kelly,
Mrs. Mable Knotsman.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- 9:30 a. m. Love Feast, led by D. B. Strouse.
- 10:30 a. m. Sermon, Bishop T. B. Neely. Followed by Ordina-
tion of Deacons.
- 3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Services, D. B. Strouse.
- 7:00 p. m. Address on Sunday School work and the Board of
Sunday School O. S. Baketel. Followed by a brief
session of Conference and Reading of Appointments
by Bishop T. B. Neely. Conference Adjourned sine
die.



Plan of Examination

	EXAMINERS	ADMISSION	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR.
1	Basket, J. R...	Fitchett		Essay	Hurst I.....	.....Hurst II
2	Harrison, W E.	Blake	Kern		Neely Gov....	
3	Hervy, J. W...	Discipline.....		Price .....		..... Butler
4	Hines, G. B...	Hill & Swinton	Sermon.....		Terry.....	
5	Houck, E. R.	Banks		Jevon.....		..... Fisher "F"
6	McCain, H. H.	Sermon	Montgomery..		Fisher I. II....	..... Fisher
7	Mann, W. C...		Sheldon	Sheldon...		..... Essay
8	Ragsdale, J. F.	Plain Account.		Greene	Sermon. ....	..... Seth
9	Webb, T. E...	El. English...	Kirkpatrick...		Ladd	



Rules of Examination.

I. List of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of the Examiner and sent to the Registrar for filing.

II. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own Questions.

III. Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to Registrar.

IV. If student wants his grade he shall enclose with his paper a self addressed and stamped envelope.

V. The attention of all students is called to paragraph 63, Section 1 and 3, Page 49 Discipline 1908.

VI. Each student is required to give a written statement to

the Registrar that he has read the books required in the course of study.

VII. All essays and sermons must be in the hands of the Examiners thirty days before Conference.

VIII. There shall be no "Special Examinations" except in cases of emergency, and then only by a member of the Board delegated by the chairman.

IX. There shall be two mid-year examinations during the year. One in the spring and one at the time and place of the respective District Ministerial Associations, at which time students shall be required to bring up a portion of the course of study. The other one in the fall, in a location convenient to the students. These Examinations shall be under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.

T. E. WEBB, Registrar,
Texas City, Texas.

W. C. MANN, Chairman,
1519 Division St.
Shreveport, La.



Official Certification.

This certifies that the Journal Proceedings, Reports and Resolutions printed herein were made the Official Record of the Seventh Session of The Gulf Annual Conference, held in Port Arthur, Texas, December 16-21, 1909.

(Signed) JAMES R. BASKET, Secretary.

Reports.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

We are face to face with the greatest problem a nation has been called upon to solve—ten millions of colored people, ignorant and with low ethical sense in our midst. What shall we do with them? This is OUR problem. "To put off to another generation, a question which we should settle ourselves, is cowardice." We are committed to the policy of lifting up these our weaker brothers.

The work of the Freedman's Aid Society is the establishment and maintenance of institutions for christian education among the colored people. We heartily endorse this work and recommend that our preachers thoroughly inform themselves as to the work of this society and then, in turn, impart this information to their congregations.

C. A. KING, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The call of Missions was never greater than today. The Mission field is white unto harvest and the only hinderance now is money for the support of missionaries. As one of the great evangelical churches, we must share the burden and responsibility of taking the World for Christ. Our Conference must share with our church this great responsibility. This cannot be done unless we contribute liberally ourselves and teach our people to do the same. We recommend that our Sunday Schools make an effort to increase their Missionary contributions by using the plan as suggested by the Young People's Department of our Missionary Society. Missionary sermons and Missionary literature should be used abundantly. Let us contribute our money for missions through the channels of our Missionary Society and thereby accomplish two good results: Get credit before the world for what we are doing; and also increase the power of our church to meet the needs of the field.

JAMES R. BASKET, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church with her millions of people under the "Stars and Stripes" must of necessity, be an important factor in the development and salvation of this great country. Tremendous responsibilities rest upon us as a church. Our wealth, culture and connectional facilities impose these responsibilities upon us. The channels through which we work, as a church, to these ends, is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

This Board aids in maintaining, in the home field, four thousand pastors and in the building of more than one church for every day in the year. God has placed within the bounds of our church, the means and money to do this great work. We believe they can be employed to pay into the treasurer of this Board all that is needed to accomplish its great work. Knowledge of the conditions and wants will be the means by which to furnish the inspiration to bring about the desired results.

Let us then place before the church this information. How? First: Put in every home the "Christian Republic," the leaflets and books which pertain to this subject. Second: Give our people the facts; fill them with the great truths which inspire to great deeds, great progress, great sacrifices and the tide will flow.

ROBERT L. WELDON, Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCES.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" is a command of as much force today as when written on tables of stone, but because the condign punishment meted out to one gathering sticks on the Sabbath does not always follow the violation of the command, and because of the love of money and the desire for pleasure, the sanctity of the Sabbath has almost disappeared. Sunday trains and Sunday excursions, athletic games and open and flagrant violations of law by business interests, especially the saloon, the day is hardly known, except by the ringing of church bells.

Much of these conditions may be easily charged to the nominal christians who ease their consciences by spending an uninteresting

hour at the church, first using the earlier hours of the day by reading Sunday newspapers and following the service by a sumptuous dinner; this in turn followed by a base ball game or an afternoon at the club, find themselves too tired to go to God's house at night.

We, knowing that in a few years, that the children of today will be then men and women of tomorrow who shall have charge of the affairs of our nation, we cannot but fear for the results upon our children and country. With no regard for God's law, there can only come sorrow and destruction and a hastening of the awful judgements that shall fall upon the disobedient. Let us as pastors become alarmed at these most dreadful condition and give no uncertain sound from the pulpit and in the homes as we make our pastoral calls.

"Blessed is that people whose God is the Lord. But the wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God."

N. L. SAYERS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

The Sunday School is a great feeder of the church and too much time cannot be given to its work and interests. We, Therefore, recommend that the requirements of our Discipline relative to this great work be carried out in full by the preachers of the Gulf Conference.

Inasmuch as the tract has been a great means in God's hand of reaching many wayward souls, we recommend that all our pastors secure and distribute tracts.

R. T. PYNES, Chairman.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee submits the following report: After an examination of the records submitted to us, we find that all the vouchers from the Treasurer of the Home Mission and Church Extension Board have been received and that they exactly correspond. Also that the book of the Secretary shows that he has expended \$1.27 more than was collected by him.

R. O. McCLURE, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance submits the following report: We rejoice in the great victories won in so many sections of our country by the temperance forces and we are especially delighted that state-wide campaigns are soon to be waged in many other states, not now in the dry columns. We commend the work of the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League and all other forces having as their slogan, "The Saloon must go."

Further, we the members of the Gulf Conference, pledge ourselves for our support to the cause of total abstinence and shall show our faith by our works. Therefore, be it

Resolved: That we make a special effort to have our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues properly organized and taught along these lines, to the end, that our children and our young people may be interested in the movement and that we may be accounted as being in the front ranks of this great battle.

JUDSON W. LAGRONE, Chairman.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS.

It is the glory of Methodism that from the beginning stress has been placed on the sale and the reading of good books and periodicals. Nothing is more conducive to spirituality and development in the religious life than reading good literature. We not only emphasize the sale and reading of good books and periodicals, but it is a fact that we are a reading people. However, we would advise a reversion to some of the more solid reading of our fathers. In laying emphasis here we will, without doubt, bring to us a quickening of our church life in all its phases. We are pleased with the continued prosperity of our Book Concern. This is an evidence of good business management on the part of the Agents and the disposition of our people to buy from our own Book Concern. However, the education of our people further in the practice of purchasing all their books and literature from our Book Concern will much increase the business. This we can conscientiously do when it is a fact that our books and periodicals are unexcelled by no other Book

Concern. In addition to this, a large dividend goes annually to the Superannuates. This dividend is the net profit from the sale of our books. Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That we call the attention of our people to our books and urge them to buy. Second, That we endeavor to place some member of the Advocate Family in every home we visit among our people.

JOHN A. CARRUTH, Chairman.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We recognize the American Bible Society as being one of the greatest institutions in the world for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, be it Resolved, First: That this Conference will put forth a greater effort in behalf of this great cause than ever before by distributing tracts, books and Bibles of the Society and by informing the people of the usefulness and needs of this society. Second: That we will take collections on our several charges and that these collections and the collections taken for the society during the past year which have not already been sent to New York, shall be applied to the Endowment Fund. Third: That we recommend that our Conference raise \$100.00 for this Fund next year; this amount to take the place of the offering usually made for this cause, and that it be distributed to the various districts proportionally.

W. F. BOLTON, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education, as provided by the General Conference, is an organization within our church of which we are very proud. The students who have been aided in their preparation for life's work is a vital reason for this Board. The ministry is greatly blest with such a provision for the assistance of young men who desire to prepare themselves to preach the Gospel. Were it not for such provision, many would have to sacrifice their greater usefulness to the church. Not only does the young preacher receive aid from this Board, but any of our young people desiring to enter upon other vocations may receive help upon a proper application. We recommend that all our preachers acquaint themselves with this

subject and accordingly inform our people. We further recommend that all our preachers observe one Sunday in the year relative to this subject, urging our young people to attend one of our schools. Ft. Worth University with its increasing popularity, thorough work and high Christian standard is within our reach and we recommend it as a safe place for young people.

We greatly appreciate the generous offer of Mr. John W. Gates to assist us in establishing a Conference School in the city of Port Arthur. We therefore urge all our pastors to put forth every effort possible for the realization of such an institution.

T. E. WEBB, Chairman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

With gratitude to God, we welcome the forward movement of this young people's organization. We commend the action of the General Conference in placing the League on a basis of self-support.

We urge upon pastors and League officials the expediency of this system. The awakening to the fact of its being an organization of young people is not to be discounted. The volunteering in the Master's service must be encouraged among our young people. The note of victory, sounding forth in the reports of the District Conventions is assurance of effective progress and portends a glowing future for our young life.

We would strongly advise, for our next Quadrennial Convention, a more central city which would be more accessible for the greater part of our League membership. We would encourage our Leaguers to be bold in wrestling with the vital questions relating to the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Let them assume a responsibility in the great missionary work. Let them have to do with the temperance movement now sweeping over our fair Southland.

WILLIS H. GERMANY, Chairman.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee is optimistic. We rejoice in the prosperity of our church; "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We feel that the Gulf Conference may congratulate it-

self upon the spiritual and material achievements of the past year, and your committee sees nothing but a bright and glorious future for our work along the Gulf coast. We rejoice in the rapid growth of all departments of church work. The Epworth League and the Sunday School are invaluable assistants in bringing the youth of our land into our church. We hail the Methodist Brotherhood and Layman's Association with delight, but we are persuaded that they must be imbued with a high degree of spiritual life if they are to render to the church the most effective christian service. Anything we can say will not mean so much as the word of God. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus our Lord." Therefore let us in His Spirit go forth conquering and to conquer.

J. W. LAGRONE, Chairman.

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, The Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its Sixth Annual Session at Lake Charles, La., realizing the need of an institution of learning within its bounds, appointed a special Commission on Education consisting of Revs. E. R. Houck, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann and W. E. Cline and John F. Cassels whose duty it was to consider the location of said school, and,

WHEREAS, The City of Port Arthur, seems to be a most desirable city in which to locate said school because of its certain future as a great commercial center and its high standard of citizenship, and,

WHEREAS, Mr. John W. Gates, the first citizen of Port Arthur, out of the unbounded generosity of his heart and his great love for the Methodist Episcopal Church in which his sainted father and mother as also his wife's father and mother lived for more than fifty years, has made in public assembly and delivered to Bishop Thomas B. Neely in writing a most liberal offer to give \$50,000.00 toward such institution when the Gulf Conference and and the Methodist Episcopal Church shall have raised an equal or greater amount for the aforesaid institution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gates further offered his good office and influ-

ence towards securing a suitable site from the City of Port Arthur for said institution of learning, and

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Gulf Annual Conference do most heartily approve of the establishing of said institution in the City of Port Arthur and do with the greatest gratitude accept the offer of Mr. Gates; therefore be it

Resolved, That we continue the Educational Commission, as previously appointed and add thereto the Revs. J. W. Hervey, J. W. Lagrone and James R. Basket with full power to negotiate with the citizens and authorities of the City of Port Arthur and accept from them such lands for said site as may be selected; and be it further

Resolved, That said Commission is hereby empowered to take the proper steps toward raising the necessary funds for meeting the proposition of Mr. John W. Gates.

(Signed) JAMES R. BASKET, Chairman,
J. W. LAGRONE,
W. E. CLINE,
J. F. CASSELS,
G. B. HINES,
J. W. HERVEY,
E. R. HOUCK,
W. C. MANN.



Superintendents' Reports.



MARSHALL DISTRICT.

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:

After one year of service as Superintendent of the Marshall District, I bring my report. I record with gratitude to Almighty God that life has been spared to complete the year's work. I lift my heart in praise to Him for his wonderful goodness to me for the

way He hath led me and kept me, and out of His infinite riches in glory, hath given me wisdom and grace to do His will and work. Though oftentimes the labor has been performed in great physical weakness, He has been the strength of my life, and at no time has there been an absence of that grace which is always sufficient for every trial. When Bishop Quayle appointed me to the Marshall district he gave me fifteen charges, four stations and two circuits. To eleven of these charges the bishop appointed pastors; four charges being left to be supplied. All of these places were properly cared for. Without a murmur, so far as I know, these preachers went to their appointments and have labored with a zeal and devotion highly commendable. The preachers have all remained on their respective work with the exception of J. Q. Wells, a supply on the Angelina and Longstreet work, who left about the middle of May, going to Oklahoma Conference. Brother F. M. Simpson, pastor at Beckville, has supplied the Angelina work, and C. H. LaGrone, a local preacher, has supplied the Longstreet work since that time. Marshall district is one of magnificent distances, extending from the Red River on the North to the Gulf on the South, and from the Texas and Louisiana state line on the East to the Houston and Texas Central and Texas and Midland railroads on the West, embracing forty-three whole counties and parts of ten others. Our work is scattered over this vast domain; it is difficult and expensive to serve. Several of the charges are interior making it necessary to travel four to sixteen miles by team to reach them. The work of the District being new to me, I realized the first thing needful was to ascertain the conditions and needs. I spent from four to six days the first round with each charge, talking and praying with pastor and his officials, visiting and getting acquainted with the people, preaching three to six times, giving each charge a Sunday the first quarter; this put me in vital touch with my work.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

We have on the Marshall district, 23 churches, value \$38,550; ten parsonages, value \$10,250. Much of this property we found without any insurance. We have succeeded in getting most of it insured.

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

We found our churches, many of them at the beginning of the year in an uncompleted condition, mere skeletons, unceiled without paint or paper, while others were sadly in need of repairs. The church at Holly Springs, on the Hughes Springs charge, was a mere shell; we have ceiled, papered and painted it and now have a beautiful church. It was dedicated November 19; cost about \$300. On the same charge we have built a handsome new parsonage, a cottage of six rooms, in an elevated part of the town of Hughes Springs. These achievements are largely due to the zeal and enterprise of the pastor, T. E. Webb. Cost of parsonage about \$800. At Overton, under the efficient leadership of the pastor, R. T. Pynes, for the last three years, the people have outgrown the little church. We are at present erecting a new one to cost \$1000; it will be ready for dedication in a few weeks. Our church at Texas City has been finished complete during the year; several dozen chairs, a fine Estey Organ and beautiful communion set have been installed at a cost of about \$300. On Sunday, July 4, with patriotic spirit and devotion to God, we dedicated this beautiful church to His Worship and service. To the pastor, W. H. Germany, and his splendid Ladies' Aid Society belongs the chief credit of this achievement. Under the wise direction of T. F. Swanson, pastor, the church at LaPorte has been decorated at a cost of about \$100. At Marshall we have installed natural gas in both church and parsonage for heating and cooking purposes. The church at Port Arthur has been repapered and painted inside and a new carpet covers the floor of the auditorium. Lots joining the church property have been purchased at a cost of \$1050. Our plan is to move this building on to the new corner lots and remodel it or build a new, up-to-date church. We need a new property in Port Arthur; this is the hope of our church here. The pastor, J. W. Lagrone, has wrought well along this line thus far. The same constant, persistent effort will witness the realization of our hopes. At Noonday arrangements have been made to complete the church at an early day. This work will cost about \$400. At Woodville we have no church building at present. We have been worshipping

in the church "South," until about June of this year, when we were asked to vacate. Since then we have been using the Episcopal church, but our people are no longer satisfied to be dependent upon others for a place to worship and said "we must have a new church." Lots have been secured, valued at \$500.00. A subscription taken for more than \$1000. Work has already begun, and a new church to cost \$2000 will be finished at an early day. The wisdom and tact of the pastor, J. A. Webb, with the hearty co-operation of his official board made this enterprise possible.

At Colmesneil, another point on this charge, repairs have been made to the amount of \$75.00.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Marshall district has a total membership of 1440, a gain of 132 over last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have 31 Sunday Schools, with a membership of 1302; an average attendance of 900. All our schools, with one exception, take our church literature.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

We have 4 Senior Leagues, with a membership of 102; 3 Junior Leagues, membership 89. There is great need of work among our young people. All our pastors should take the Epworth Herald, and they should make an earnest canvass for this paper among the young people of the church; and they should study Epworth League plans and methods and organize chapters wherever possible.

BENEVOLENCES.

While I am sure all the preachers have not been able to bring to conference the full apportionment of Benevolences, I think I can testify to their faithful efforts to get all they could. Some things have hindered; the boll weevil and drought cut the cotton and corn crop short, and there is, in many places, a disposition on the part of the people to give sparingly to Benevolences. This is largely

due to a lack of education along these lines. Our purpose has been to keep the interest and importance of these causes constantly before the people, and I am sure the reports will make a commendable showing, with an advance over any previous year, especially for Missions. Pastors' salaries were advanced over last year \$950.00. I fear a slight deficiency in a few cases, but most of the charges will pay in full.

REVIVALS.

This has been a year of revivals on the Marshall district. Meetings have been held on every charge, and in many instances, at every point on the charge. Some pastors have been their own evangelists, others have been assisted by some of the pastors on the district, while a few had evangelists from abroad. The District Superintendent held three meetings on the district, preaching twice a day for 33 consecutive days. At all these meetings souls were saved.

THE PREACHERS.

I have made slight reference to those preachers who were connected with church building; further than that it is not my purpose to make special mention of any man. I should be glad to speak in a special way of all under whom achievements have been made, spiritually and otherwise. I make bold to speak this word, however, that no set of preachers, more loyal, devoted and sacrificing ever served any district in any conference than the preachers of the Marshall district. Bishop, my preachers are all Southern men, the sons or grandsons of Rebels. I am a Northern man, son of a Federal. Our fathers met each other on the field of battle, to settle the question of human slavery; we, their sons have fought side by side on the great spiritual battle-field, waging battles more fiercely fought than Gettysburg to liberate the souls of men from worse than human thralldom. There are no wounds; we bear no scars from each others hands; there has been no discord; no word of harshness has been spoken; harmony has prevailed; love has reigned supreme. These men might all have been born in Illinois, or I under Southern sunny skies, we seem so near a kin. The

christianity of the Lord Jesus Christ has obliterated all sectional lines on the Marshall district; "A man's a man for a that." We have worked together in unity; our labor has been a labor of love. We have toiled together, and God has rewarded. That I have associated with such men will be among the most precious recollections of my life. Much that I have said of the preachers is also true of the laity. Everywhere they received me with the utmost cordiality. They have housed me and fed me, ministering to my needs in sickness and in health. I have been helped by their counsel, strengthened by their prayers, always conscious of their sympathy and co-operation.

A WORD PERSONAL.

I have traveled 17,000 miles by rail, 300 miles by team, 25 miles on horseback; have preached 185 times, held every quarterly conference but four; three I missed on account of sickness. During the last three months I have been unable to do my best work on account of personal illness; but I have labored on, even against my physician's orders. I have put the best I had into my work. I have not desired nor tried to shirk my duty. My purpose has been to educate our people in Methodism and to lift them up to a higher plane of christian living. I have sought to be a spiritual leader of my preachers and people. I am in love with my preachers; I am in love with my church; I am in love with my Christ; I look into the faces of my preachers today and say, "brothers, I did my best." To you, Bishop, representing the head of our great Methodism, I say, "for the dear old church I have done my best." I bring the record of my work, with all its imperfections, and look up into the face of my Master this morning and say, "Master, I have done my best." And with this sweet consciousness, I submit my report.

E. R. HOUCK.



SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

DEAR BRETHKEN:

I submit to you the following report of my District. We have

had a good year with substantial gains on every charge and two new charges organized during the year. During the year we have finished our new church at DeQuincy and at Florien and we are just completing our church at DeRidder which is worth \$2700.00. We are building at Lottie and Bulah. We have purchased lots at Goldona, Ravanna and Livonia upon which we expect to place churches and now have in our hands part of the money with which to build at Goldona.

God has given us a revival on every charge in our District. Hundreds have been converted, reclaimed or scanctified wholly at our altars. The gain in membership has been good and our Sunday Schools show quite an increase. Salaries of pastors have been increased, also that of the District Superintendent. All our benevolences show likewise a marked increase. As I review the years work I can see nothing but that which will beg a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God. Wherever I have gone, kindness and hospitality have been lavished upon me with cheerful hearts and willing hands for which I thank God and the good people.

TERRITORY.

This District embraces all the Northern portion of the state of Louisiana. I travel a distance of 250 miles along Red River, South of the river 162 miles and North of this same river to the Northern boundary of the state. Within the bounds of the District there is some of the richest land in the South, yeilding annually large crops of corn, cotton, sugar cane, alfalfa. We have also some of the finest timber of the South with numerous saw mills which gives employment to thousands of men.

There are some twenty railroads operating within the bounds of the District, six rivers flowing through our borders and prosperous towns and cities all over the District.

OUR WORK.

We work among the English and French speaking people, the greater part being done among the English; however, we are not neglecting the French. In some places within our District there are people who have never seen or heard a Protestant preacher.

It is our happy privilege to carry them the true Gospel of our Christ as our fathers taught it when Methodism dared to do great things for God. On some of our charges we are the only protestant people in the country, thereby making us do purely Missionary work.

ALEXANDRIA AND MAGDA.

H. A. Wood supplied this work. Magda is on the L. R. & N. R. R. in a French Catholic country. We are the only Methodist in this country and we have a small class with church and parsonage with a good opening for a good work.

Alexandria is a growing town of 16,000 population. West Alexandria has a population of 8000, and no protestant preaching except an Episcopal Mission. We have no organization in this large and growing city, but we have a few people in the city. Our need is money with which to build a place to worship, also money for the support of a pastor for one year. There is not a better opening within the bounds of our Conference for a great work if we can but get in there before it is too late.

CRESTON.

A. L. Harper supplied this work until this fall when it was time for him to go to school. He then resigned and I have supplied the work by Bros. L. E. Crooks and H. A. Wood, each giving one Sunday in the month to the work. This charge has our preaching appointments, one church building and land with part of the money in hands with which to build at Goldona. We have here 108 members and the work is promising. We are the only Methodists in this territory.

DRY PRONG.

L. E. Crooks is the pastor. This charge has three appointments with 72 members, one Sunday School and good prayer-meetings. We are building a church at Bulah. We are the only Methodists in this country.

DERIDDER.

W.E. Bennett supplied this work. F. P. McGee was appoint-

ed to this charge at our last Conference but resigned in the Spring. Bro. Marvin P. McGee was secured and served the work for two and one-half months and died. In August I supplied the work with Bro. Bennett who has done good and faithful work. This is a charge of five appointments with two churches, one at DeQuincy worth \$1200.00, and we are just completing our church at DeRidder worth \$2700.00. Here we have 140 members, 3 Sunday Schools, 2 Ladies Aid and good prayer meetings. This is a good work.

LIVONIA.

J. W. Faulk, pastor. This appointment is within a French Catholic Country. On this charge we have one church building, one in process of erection at Lottie, and two lots at Livonia, one for church and one for parsonage. We began this work this year with only eleven members and now we have thirty-two members, one good Sunday School and a prayer meeting. The outlook is hopeful and promising.

ORANGE.

W. F. Bolton, pastor. This is a charge of five appointments and only one church building. We own a lot at Orange. We have 93 members, 3 Sunday Schools and good prayer-meetings. Two new classes have been organized this year, one at Barham, the other at Leesville. This work also promises well.

PROVENCAL.

M. A. Farr, pastor. This charge has six appointments with only one church building, 157 members, 3 Sunday Schools, 1 Ladie's Aid and good prayer-meetings. We have organized two new classes this year, Shannock and Marthaville.

RAVANNA.

A. McDow, pastor. This is a new work with small membership which promises well. We are the only Methodist within the bounds of this charge. We own one acre of land and part of the money with which to build a church at Ravanna.

SHREVEPORT.

Shreveport is a city of 40,000 population, and hence an important place. It was left to be supplied without any Missionary appropriation and therefore I was unable to supply it with a suitable man. I believe we could do well in this place if we had money enough to place a suitable man in charge of the work.

VIVIAN.

H. E. Copeland, pastor supplied. C. L. Elliott was appointed to this charge, but resigned in the fall to go to school, and I secured Bro. Copeland who has done good faithful work. This charge has five appointments, one church with parsonage, 84 members, 2 Sunday Schools and good prayer-meetings.

WINNFIELD.

J. W. Lively, pastor. This is a prospective. We have no membership here. Bro. Lively and I have gone over the work and concluded that it was not an opportune time to begin work here. Winnfield is a good growing town and we hope to open up a good work here in the future.

In closing I want to say, that the work has been pleasant, the brethren helpful, faithful and consecrated to the work and God has been most gracious to us in all our work. May the God of Grace help us yet more! Amen!

W. C. MANN, District Superintendent.



NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

BISHOP NEELY AND BRETHREN OF THE CONFERENCE:

I beg leave to submit the following report: I recognize, with a grateful heart, the blessings of God upon us, our people, our homes and churches. I desire to thank the brethren for their kindness and the cordial manner in which they have received me. This fellowship has indeed been pleasant.

I also desire to thank Brother Hines for his help in introducing me to the work of the District. Everywhere I have found his footsteps. He has made for himself many friends during his administration.

Again, I desire to express my gratitude to all who have prayed for me, and in any way been interested in my recovery. To God be all the praise.

The work has been pleasant, but sometimes strenuous. In the performance of my duty, as God has given me wisdom and strength to do it, I have been conscious of the Divine blessing, and of a certain development in experience and growth in grace. This we humbly say to the glory of Christ.

TERRITORY.

The New Orleans District embraces 20 pastoral charges. These are found in Southern Louisiana, along the Southern Pacific R. R. from Lake Charles to New Orleans, with seven charges out from New Orleans on the I. C. and Y. & M. V. R. R.; Auburn and Gloster, Miss. being the most northerly appointments. We have one charge on the water, the circuit being 160 miles on lakes, rivers and bayous.

OUR WORK.

Our work is among French, Italian and English speaking people. There are thousands of French people within the territory of the New Orleans District, and when they are once converted from Catholicism they make good christians and loyal Methodists. We have French members in several of our charges. We have three or four native French preachers, who if they could get sufficient support, would launch out into the field and evangelize their people for Christ and the Church, but they must of necessity do a mixed work, which does not give the French a fair show.

There should be in the near future, a French District, manned by French pastors, and encouraged and helped with a good substantial appropriation from the Board of Home Missions. I am confident that such an investment by the church would bring in very

large returns in souls saved. With faith and hope we look forward to better conditions and a brighter day for our French work. In the meantime we shall not faint, but do all we can.

ITALIAN WORK.

In the City of New Orleans there are 60,000 Italians, and more coming every year. We must save these people for the Kingdom. We are our brothers keeper, especially within our own gates. In the midst of these thousands from sunny Italy we have a growing mission. During the early part of the year Rev. Gaetano Vital resigned as pastor and went to Rome, and Rev. Antonio Palmisano, our L. P., supplied the charge until the present pastor, Rev. Francesco Zito took charge. Under the present administration the work is prospering and the people are greatly encouraged. The membership has more than doubled in the last few months. The attendance has increased in all departments and the outlook is promising for a great landslide soon. Recently they purchased a \$6,000.00 property on Esplanade Ave. right where the Italians are living in great numbers—a fine place for Mission work. This property is deeded to the church.

Through the faithful and painstaking work of Mrs. Knostman of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Mission has had a lady Missionary almost all the time. Miss Bardshar, a fine christian young lady, consecrated to the work, came last fall and remained until spring of this year, and now they have an Italian lady from New York doing the work of a deaconess to the satisfaction of all. The W. H. M. S. has furnished the support of these lady workers.

The pastor's wife is a ladies' physician and has access to many homes, thereby, giving in many cases, a chance for the gospel to be preached. We are encouraged over our Italian work and believe it to the best interest of the church to stand by it.

ENGLISH WORK.

The prosperity of our English work still proves its right to exist in the South. The Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church

is more marked than ever. This is evidenced by souls being saved from lives of sin, christians being lifted to a holier life and the general call from the people for our church, and the eagerness with which they hear the Gospel as preached by our preachers. We have no other apology to offer for pushing our work. We thank God and take courage.

We would like to have time to speak of each charge separately and specifically but time would fail us; this we hope the pastors will do. There have been marked advances along many lines on the District this year. Successful revival meetings have been held on every charge and almost in every church. Hundreds, if not thousands, have bowed at our altars. Many of these have professed conversion and others entire sanctification. Our preachers, almost without exception, preach a full Gospel and urge the people not to limit God or stint themselves, but to reap the full benefit of Christ's passion. We have several camp meetings on the District where scores of souls are definitely blessed annually. While our pastors are loyal to the Spiritual teachings of the church, they are no less loyal to the polity and forms of the church, and everywhere they urge the saved souls to join our church, but they do not practice proselyting.

There has been an increase in membership of about 300. Several of our members have moved away during the year, but more are coming. Many souls saved in our churches join other communions, so we are not only working for ourselves, but our sister denominations also reap large returns from our endeavor. This we are glad to do. This is one sign of the genuineness of our mission. No man liveth unto himself.

On account of certain financial conditions which have oppressed many of our people, these conditions being due to the failure in the cotton crop because of boll weevil and the locked condition of the rice market, also the equinoxial storm of September 20th, which destroyed much timber, rice and cotton; because of the financial stringency occasioned by these conditions, I fear that our benevolence report will be a little short. The tithing system has not been fully inaugurated but it will be soon and then our financial problems will be settled. God hasten the day.

In a material way the district has made rapid progress. Three new churches have been completed during the year. At Welsh, under the leadership of Rev. J. A. Carruth, a fine modern church valued at \$6,000 has been finished and dedicated, free of debt, without calling on the Church Extension Board. At Ebenezer, through the untiring work of the Pastor, Rev. J. F. Ragsdale, and by the aid of \$300.00 from the Board of Church Extension a nice new church, modern in architecture, is about ready for dedication; the value of this church is \$2,500.00. In the country near Greensburg, La., almost on the Mississippi state line, Rev. C. V. Wilkinson, our pastor on the Gloster circuit, Mississippi, has organized a new class and they have just about completed a new chapel worth about \$500.00. Extensive repair work has been done on our St. Charles Ave. church, New Orleans, completely renovating it outside and inside to the value of \$5,000.00. This gives us practically a new church there. Several other of our churches have been repaired. The ladies Aid Society at Iowa purchased, and has about paid for a house and lot to be deeded to the church for a parsonage. On the Raymond charge, at Elton, Rev. Daniel Hayes built a parsonage last year which will be, if it is not already, deeded to the church.

The value of our parsonage property is \$22,550 showing an increase this year of \$3,700. The value of our church property is \$101,156, showing an increase of \$10,131 over last year. There has been spent on improving church and parsonage property \$8,270. This does not include the amount on new building. There are some debts contracted, but not without a good probability of paying.

We have on the District 31 Sunday Schools doing good work. About 2000 scholars are enrolled. The District has 13 Ladies' Aid Societies; 11 Epworth Leagues. Prayer-meetings on every charge and we are not ready to give them up for something else. Nothing is better for the church. We have only 3 exhorters, but 50 Local Preachers; not dead ones, but all actively engaged in preaching or other Christian work. Eight of these Local Preachers are being used to supply Pastoral charges at present. We have with us recommendations from 4th Quarterly Conferences for the admission on trial in the Conference, of 7 of our Local Preachers and if they

meet the requirements will be admitted this time. The old time Methodist Class meeting and Love Feast are not dead letters among us. We have 32 class leaders. We have added 8 or 10 Local Preachers this year, all are fine promising young men. One of our preachers has withdrawn and joined the United Brethren Church and now holds an appointment with them; his name is Newsom T. Shows. One has gone to another Conference; J. D. Pointer to the Iowa Conference. One supply, J. J. Ellington, went to Athens to school and his unexpired time has been filled out by Rev. Francis G. Watkins, coming to us from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

I think there cannot be found any where a more consecrated, loyal, painstaking, sacrificing, faithful body of preachers as we have in the Gulf Conference and on the New Orleans District. I say this humbly. I trust they are not superficial. They are thorough and definite. Their labors count; they do not find fault with everything; they are not grumblers, but are willing to suffer others to save; willing to go or stay. Amen! Brethren, I count it an honor to suffer with you; in due time you shall reap if you faint not. And to the little women in the parsonages, who share with their husbands the burden and heat of the day there will be given bright crowns in THAT DAY.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERVEY.



Certificate of Ordination.

This is to certify that at Port Arthur, Texas, on the Nineteenth day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Nine, I ordained as Deacons, "Under Missionary Rule," Henry A. Maples, Francis G. Watkins and Francisco Zito, they having been elected by the Gulf Conference.

(Signed)

THOMAS B. NEELY,
Presiding Bishop.

Missionary Appropriations



EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

District	\$ 550.00
Angelina	65.00
Atlanta and Jefferson.....	100.00
Beckville	160.00
Hughes Spring.....	120.00
Longstreet.....	60.00
Noonday and Coffeeville.....	80.00
Polk	80.00
Shelbyville.....	80.00
Woodville	80.00
Winnsboro	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$1525.00

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

District	\$ 560.00
Creston	110.00
DeRidder	60.00
Dry Prong.....	100.00
Livonia	190.00
Magda.....	50.00
Marthaville.....	40.00
Orange.....	100.00
Provincial.....	60.00
Ravanna.....	60.00
Vivian	<u>100.00</u>
Total.....	\$1434.00

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

District.....	\$ 50.00
Auburn and Smithdale.....	50.00
Gloster ..	50.00
Gloster Circuit ...	50.00
Hammond..	50.00
N. O., St. Charles Ave.	250.00
N. O., Italian Mission	600.00
N. O., Second Italian Mission	<u>200.00</u>
Total.....	\$1300.00

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

District.....	\$ 216.00
Bayou Chene	190.00
Bell City.....	60.00
Crowley.....	200.00
Ebenezer ..	75.00
Estherwood and Gueydan.....	50.00
Iowa and Fenton	80.00
Kinder Circuit	50.00
La Porte ..	120.00
Texas City.....	<u>100.00</u>
Total.....	\$1141.00



Board of Stewards



TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Book Concern Dividend	\$217.00
Chartered Fund Dividend	25.00
Part of Collections ordered	141.85
Interest on Conference Permanent Fund	16.41
Gifts for immediate use, To Sister James	6.00
Total	<u>\$406.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

F. D. VanValkenburg	\$ 88.00
Julian Woodson	156.00
Mrs. John T. James	156.00
Appropriated to Conference Permanent Fund	6.26
Total	<u>\$406.26</u>
Amount of Conference Permanent Fund	\$460.26

CYRUS A. KING, Treasurer.



Resolutions

WHEREAS, At our last session of our Conference, we adopted a Resolution on "Tithing and Holiness," Therefore be it

Resolved, That we adhere to both of these Resolutions.

Second, that our Secretary be instructed to re-publish them in our Conference Journal of the present session.

WILLIS H. GERMANY.

RESOLUTION ON HOLINESS.

Introduced by James R. Basket, Conference Secretary.

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1729 two young men in England, reading their Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and incited others to do so. In 1737 they saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified," and,

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study for young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire sanctification clearly and emphatically; and,

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very elemental thought, the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human hearts, soul, mind and will;" and

WHEREAS, Our church has always been loyal to this grand Depositum of Methodism; Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Lake Charles, La., that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude toward those seeking the higher life; and be it further

Resolved, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the Church and hold this truth in wisdom to unite with us in spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands.

TITHING.

WHEREAS, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament, plainly teaches that one tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching that would indicate a less amount; and,

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as scriptural (paragraph 70); and,

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere, are such we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our giving; Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Lake Charles, that we endorse and adopt the tithe method of giving unto the Lord, as our financial plan of systematic giving.

Second. That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges until all such obligations shall have been fully met.

Third. That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our Churches.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

WHEREAS, Our last General Conference changed the title without changing the office of the Presiding Elder, to District Superintendent, and,

WHEREAS, The same name is used by Incorporations and Trust companies and thereby confusing the people, and,

WHEREAS, As one of the great evangelical churches, we have won some of our greatest victories while using the title of Presiding Elder, and,

WHEREAS, the old title, Presiding Elder is a household word with our people and the new title has not been accepted by the people and neither has it been adopted, Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in session at Port Arthur, Texas,

First, That we memorialize the next General Conference which which meets in 1912, to restore us our household word in the place of District Superintendent;

Second, That the Secretary be ordered to send a copy of these Resolutions to each of our Advocates family and to the Methodist Review and request their publication.

JAMES R. BASKET.

CHURCH PERIODICALS.

WHEREAS, We view with regret the tendency in our membership to supplant our church literature by secular periodicals having

no claims on us and bringing no instructions concerning the polity and genius of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and,

WHEREAS, we believe the Normal Methodist Episcopalian is not only a listener, but also a reader of religious matter, Therefore be it,

Resolved, First, that we make a special effort to increase the circulation of the Central Christian Advocate, The Methodist Advocate-Journal, The Epworth Herald, and The Methodist Review, endeavoring to give our people a broader perspective of our vast connection.

ADVOCATE-JOURNAL FUND.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Advocate-Journal is striving to raise a \$10,000.00 Endowment Fund and they have asked all the Conferences in the South to assist in raising this fund, and,

WHEREAS, This paper is circulated in all the Conferences of the South with a large circulation among the white people of the South, Therefore be it

Resolved, That we make an effort at each of our churches to raise, at least, one dollar toward this fund and that each of us pay that amount ourselves toward this Endowment Fund.

Second, That we make a special effort to increase the circulation of this paper among our people.

JAMES R. BASKET.

PERMANENT FUND.

WHEREAS, Our Conference is a growing Conference and our Superannuated list will increase, and

WHEREAS, we should increase our Permanent Fund, Therefore be it,

Resolved, That we will send to our Chairman and Treasurer of our Permanent Fund, the first five dollars of our tithe, for the purpose of increasing the afore said fund.

JAMES R. BASKET.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, We have had one of the most profitable Conferences in the history of the Gulf Conference, Therefore be it

Resolved, First, That we extend to Bishop Neely our thanks for the dignity and exact precissions with which he has presided over our Conference. He has endeared himself to us and we shall look forward with joy to the day of his return to us.

Second, That we express our thanks to Dr. J. B. Hingely, Secretary of Board of Conference Claimants, for his wise instructions and excellent addresses. We appreciate his coming unto us.

Third, That we express our thanks for the cordial welcome and hospitality of the people of Port Arthur. They have won us with their genial courtesy.

Fourth, That we are under lasting obligations to the pastor, The Rev. J. W. Lagrone. He has acquitted himself, as host, most excellently.

Fifth, That we appreciate the liberal offering of the Hon. John W. Gates the first citizen of Port Arthur, Texas, relative to the founding of an educational center in this city. He has precipitated upon us a most delightful task.

Sixth, That a thankful spirit holds our hearts for the highly spiritual address of the Rev. D. B. Strouse of Virginia, at various intervals during the Conference.

Seventh, That as Prof. Willesly of Ft. Worth University has won our hearts by his presence and counsels, we offer unto him our thanks and we shall be glad to see him among us again.

Eighth, That Mrs. Knostman has been a blessing to us and we wish for her to visit us again. We have a warm place in our hearts for the Woman's Home Missionary Society and would like to see an auxillary at every charge.

J. C. DUPLANTIS, Chairman.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1909.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Epworth Leagues.				Church Property.							
	No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	No. Local Teachers.	No. Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Senior Chapters.	No. of Members.	No. of Junior Members.	No. of Members.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Improvements.	Paid on Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.	
Auburn and Smithdale.	15	300	11	1	16	3	4	19	200	1	20				3	3,500	1	800			
Bayou Chene	26	208	1				4	22	240		22				3	1,400			10	10	25
Crescent	16	76			7	2	1	6	70	1	20				1	5,000	1	3,000		20	40
Crowley.	5	165	2	1	4		2	24	160	1	41				2	3,600	1	650	1,500	70	500
Ebenezer and Vermilion.	16	69			14		1	10	85						2	2,500					
Estherwood	9	40	2		1	8	2	15	140						1	500	1	150	7	85	
Evangeline	9	131	3	4	2		1	6	75						1	1,500			140		
Gloster																					
Gloster Circuit		26					1	8	100						1	1,500	1	1,500			
Hammond	6	18	1		2		2	10	65						1	1,000	1	400	200		
Towa and Fenton.		50			6		1	6	40						1	300					
Bell City	25	199	3	6	4	7	1	26	235	1	20				1	3,500	1	2,500	183		
Jennings																					
Kindler Mission	25	140	1	3	16	7	1	26	216	1	55				1	10,000	1	3,000	226		
Lake Charles	21	3	1		5		7	7	120	2	30				1	2,000	1	800	250	250	700
Lutcher	12	95	3		10		1	15	150	1	30				1	5,000	1	5,000	350		5,000
New Orleans St. Charles Ave.	17	46	2				5	5	50						1	6,000					
New Orleans Italian Mission.	22	122	3	1	2		2	7	55						2	700	1	615	15	20	95
Oakdale and Kinder																					
Raymond	4	101	1	2	1		1	14	139	1	42				1	6,500	1	1,500	348	1,500	574
Welsh																					
Total	182	1822	38	19	70	46	27	236	2140	9	270	4	118		24	100,500	12	19,915	3229	1705	6934
Last Year	167	1740	38	14	96	38	27	213	1747						91,025	12	18,850	5203	258	6990	
Increase	15	82		5		8		23	393						9475		1065		2064	447	
Decrease					26												1				59

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

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STATISTICS NO. 2.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1909.

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SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Alexandria.....													
Creston.....	I	4	30	20		30	4	15	15	8			
De Ridder.....	3	20	150	100		150	20	75	60	50			
Dry Prong.....	I	4	20	20		20	4	10		6			
Livonia.....	I	6	35	25			5		6	6			
Magda.....													
Orange.....	3	20	139	95		139	14	19		20			
Provencal.....	3	15	112	80		112	12		25	24			
Ravanna.....						85							
Vivian.....	2	10	85	60			10			3	2		
Winfield.....													
Total.....	14	79	571	400		536	69	119	106	117	2		
Last Year.....	9	52	438	280			45	143	104	39			
Increase.....	5	27	133	120			24		2	78			
Decrease.....								24					

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

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NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1909.

NAMES OF CHARGES		NAME OF PASTOR		PASTOR'S SUPPORT				Support of Conference Claimants		Support of District Superintendents		Support of Bishops		CURRENT EXPENSES	
				CLAIMS		RECEIPTS		Deficiencies		Amount Apportioned		Amount Paid		Total support of Pastors, Conf. Claimants, District Superint. and Bishops	
				Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Amount Apportioned		Amount Paid		Total support of Pastors, Conf. Claimants, District Superint. and Bishops	
				Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Amount Apportioned		Amount Paid		Total support of Pastors, Conf. Claimants, District Superint. and Bishops	
Auburn and Smithdale.	D. H. Cassels.	505	75	580	400	775	400	400	800	100	21	21	45	45	530
Bayou Chic.	N. L. Sayers.	200	163	363	163	526	163	163	326	9	9	36	36	209	
Crescent	N. L. Shows	200	100	300	100	400	100	100	200	1	1	1	1	201	
Crowley.	Louis May.	300	100	400	225	625	225	225	450	2	2	17	17	315	
Ebenezer and Vermilion.	J. F. Ragsdale.	520	40	560	440	1000	440	440	880	5	5	52	52	522	
Estherwood	C. A. King	400	400	800	400	1200	400	400	800	14	14	46	46	458	
Evangeline.	J. J. Bowman	572	385	957	72	1029	72	72	1101	4	4	16	16	580	
Gloster	F. J. Bowman	500	72	572	250	822	250	250	500	2	2	60	60	480	
Gloster Circuit	T. V. Wilkinson	200	72	272	370	642	370	370	740	2	2	23	23	395	
Hammond	T. V. Wilkinson	200	72	272	200	472	200	200	400	2	2	27	27	304	
Howa and Fenton.	R. O. McClure	1200	180	1380	1200	2580	1200	1200	2400	35	35	120	120	1547	
Bel City	Wm. Hebert	1200	180	1380	1200	2580	1200	1200	2400	12	12	12	12	359	
Jennings	Wm. Bennett	1200	300	1500	1200	2700	1200	1200	2400	12	12	120	120	120	
Kinder Mission	H. C. McCain	1200	300	1500	1200	2700	1200	1200	2400	12	12	120	120	456	
Lake Charles.	J. C. Duplantis.	1200	100	1300	1600	2900	1600	1600	3200	3	3	66	66	105	
Lutcher.	G. B. Hines	1200	700	1900	1200	3100	1200	1200	2400	10	10	40	40	771	
New Orleans Italian Mission.	Guiliano Vital	400	240	640	455	1095	455	455	910	2	2	40	40	195	
New Orleans Italian Mission.	W. C. Watkins	400	240	640	455	1095	455	455	910	10	10	40	40	771	
Oakdale and Kinder	Daniel Hayes	460	120	580	400	980	400	400	800	60	60	46	46	568	
Raymond	J. A. Carruth	800	120	920	800	1720	800	800	1600	10	10	80	80	1018	
Welsh.	J. A. Carruth	800	120	920	800	1720	800	800	1600	10	10	80	80	1018	
Total	Total	7585	1419	9004	8918	17922	8918	8918	17836	618	111	510	841	45	9632
Last Year	Last Year	6550	1508	8058	7842	15900	7842	7842	15686	398	85	652	771	47	9502
Increase	Increase	1035	911	946	1076	1922	1076	1076	2244	220	26	45	70	4	150
Decrease	Decrease	149	149	146	149	819	149	149	294	238	85	652	771	47	9502

STATISTICS NO. 3. (CONTINUED)

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Alexandria.	H. A. Wood.	325	225	100	3	2	40	43	4	2	272	6	12	18
Creston.	A. L. Harper.	475	400	75	4	1	40	24	5	444	150	50	200	
De Ridder.	Wm. E. Bennett.	175	175	30	3	1	40	35	3	211	34	20	220	
Livonia.	J. W. Faulk.	210	257	31	4	3	40	48	4	350	15	24	39	
Magda.	W. F. Battin.	327	296	31	4	3	40	48	4	31	31	5	5	
Orange.	W. F. Parr.	40	40	22	1	1	7	7	1	339	5	5	5	
Provencal.	A. McDow.	260	198	62	5	5	40	40	5	154	5	6	11	
Ravanna.	H. E. Copeland.	140	120	20	3	2	30	30	3	212	370	117	493	
Vivian.	J. W. Lively.	1952	96	1819	306	25	16	267	258	28	10	999	82	
Winfield.	L. E. Crooks.	1155	116	803	465	18	210	182	18	14	1124	294	79	
Dry Prong.		797	20	1016	159	2	57	76	10	4				
	Total													
	Last Year													
	Increase.													
	Decrease													

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Angelina.	F. M. Simpson.	115	81	81	34	2	1	30	9	2	1	92	5	22	27
Atlanta and Jefferson.	R. T. Pynes.	300	325	325	345	5	8	60	60	5	5	398	50	12	62
Beckville.	F. M. Simpson.	160	160	160	220	3	3	40	37	4	4	264	11	6	17
Hughes Springs.	T. E. Webb.	345	80	425	290	80	1	50	40	8	1	412	35	25	60
La Porte.	T. F. Swanson.	300	255	300	255	45	5	50	20	4	4	284	20	30	50
Longstreet.		125	85	85	85	40						1127	228	61	289
Marshall.	R. L. Weldon.	800	200	800	200	1000	12	15	100	12	12	185			
Neuville and Center.	R. K. Smith.	260	60	260	60	320		32	30	4	4	354			
Nounday and Coffeetown.	G. L. Harper.	235	235	235	235			24	24	4	1	260			
Polk.	J. T. Campbell.	405	100	505	308	100	408	97	4	4	70	50	2	2	470
Shelbyville.	R. K. Smith.	480	100	580	480	100	580		9	9	50	9	648	50	100
Texas City.	W. H. Germany.	440	440	440	391	49	391	49	8	6	75	53	7	5	455
Woodville.	J. A. Webb.	125	65	65	65	40	4	40	40	4					
Wynnsboro.	T. E. Webb.	4690	600	4690	3733	600	4353	382	65	52	621	481	61	48	4848
Total		5932	809	5566	4383	809	5157	704		71	616	512	58	42	5747
Last Year															
Increase															
Decrease															
GRAND TOTAL		942	209	816	650	219	804	322		19	5	31	899	79	63
LAST YEAR		13627	2115	15242	14374	2115	14339	1316	201	198	399	1580	144	113	17623
INCREASE		12737	2493	14619	12754	2493	14948	1559		174	1478	1465	123	107	16248
DECREASE		890	623	608	1620		24					115	21	6	1375
		378	378	378	378	243	608	243							

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1909.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)															OTHER BENEVOLENT COLL.				
	Missions			Board of Education.			Board of Conference		Board of			Woman's								
	Board of Foreign Missions		Board of Home Missions	(a) Church—General Education		Sunday Schools	Children's Fund	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Connectional Fund	Permanent Fund	Freedman's Aid Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies					
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts					
Aburn and Smithdale.	20		65	25	5	2	2									127				132
Bayou Chene	8			15		1	1	2								30				31
Crescent																				
Crowley	3	3		11				1								19				19
Ebenezer and Vermilion.	10	3		50	3	3	3	5								32				34
Etherwood	30	10		50	10			2	13							25				125
Evangeline	7					1		5								22				23
Gloster	10		95	10			2	1								120				121
Gloster Circuit																				
Hammond	8															10				10
Towa and Fenton.	7			7				2								20				20
Bel City	5			10		1	1	2								20				21
Fennings	5		196	216	32	14	10	5								684				710
Oakdale and Kinder	100	55					11	10								5				5
Kinder Mission																				
Lake Charles.	70	12	100	90	12		7	13								362				371
Lutcher	5	1					5	1								17				17
New Orleans St. Charles Ave.	16		56	25			2	17								158				158
New Orleans Italian Mission																				
Raymond																				
Welsh.	69	21	48	69	21											282				283
Total	368	105	560	552	84	14	26	21	20	40	67	36	38	15	78	1997	25	20		6210

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.[illegible]

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NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)															
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	Board of Foreign Missions		Board of Home Missions		General Education		Children's Fund		Conf. of S. S.		Freedman's A. Soc.		American Bible Society		Wom's Foreign Missionary Soc.	
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher
Angelina.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Beckville.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Atlanta and Jefferson.....	35	20	35	20	35	20	35	20	35	20	35	20	35	20	35	20
Hughes Springs.....	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32
La Porte.....	20	11	20	11	20	11	20	11	20	11	20	11	20	11	20	11
Longstreet.....	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11
Marshall.....	31	19	43	12	8	10	5	7	10	12	7	4	10	12	3	2
Neuville and Center.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Noonday and Overton.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Polk.....	11	35	42	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shelbyville.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Terrell and Greenville.....	8	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Texas City.....	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Woodville.....	8	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Winnboro.....	5	80	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54
Port Arthur.....	22	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Noonday and Coffeeville.....	158	218	263	72	14	35	8	39	16	5	19	3	7	7	3	3
Total	672	353	1025	9	58	9	3	23	32	13	14	2	3	3	3	3

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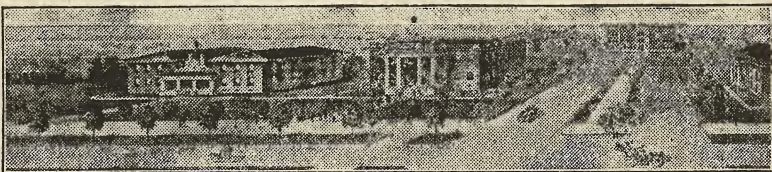
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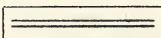
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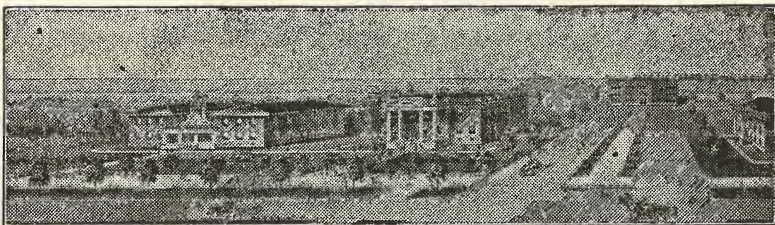
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